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SUBJ: TANZANIAN COMMENT ON NAMIBIA DEMARCHE

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF APRIL 25 COMMENTED ON FIVE-NATION DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA. EDITORIAL STATES THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF DEMARCHE IS "TO LEGALIZE AN IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY AND BETRAY THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA BY GIVING RESPECTABILITY" TO THE TURNHALLE CONFERENCE.

2. TEXT OF EDITORIAL FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

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A FARCE IS BEING PLAYED OUT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE MAIN PERFORMERS ARE THE UNITED STATES, WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, BRITAIN, CANADA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

THEIR MAIN PURPOSE IS TO LEGALISE AN IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY AND BETRAY THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA BY GIVING RESPECTABILITY TO AN ILLEGAL CONFERENCE HELD SOMETIME AGO ON THE FUTURE OF THE OF

THE TERRITORY, THE "TURNHALE CONFERENCE".

OFFICIALS OF THE WESTERN POWERS MENTIONED ARE IN SOUTH AFRICA TO CONSULT WITH THE LEADER OF THE RACIST REGIME, JOHN VORSETER, ON HOW NAMIBIA'S BETRAYAL CAN BE EFFECTED WITHOUT MUCH LOSS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND TO WESTERN INTERESTS.

IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THESE POWERS HAVE THE INTERESTS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE AT HEART. THERE IS NO BASIS FOR TALKING WITH THE RACISTS ON NAMIBIA, CERTAINLY NOT WHEN THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF THE COUNTRY, SWAPO, IS NOT INVOLVED. AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS DO NOT RECOGNISE SWAPO.

SWAPO IS RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS THE TRUE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. THE WORLD BODY HAS DECLARED THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS OCCUPYING NAMIBIA ILLEGALLY. WHY, THEN, SHOULD ANY COUNTRY DISCUSS WITH SOUTH AFRICA THE FATE OF NAMIBIA WITHOUT INVOLVING SWAPO?

THE "TURNHALE CONFERENCE" HAS BEEN DENOUNCED BY MANY COUNTRIES EVEN BEFORE IT TOOK PLACE. IT WAS SUPPORTED TO LEAD TO THE INSTALLATION OF AN AFRICAN PUPPET REGIME IN NAMIBIA. THE LEADER OF THAT REGIME WOULD BE SUBSERVIENT TO SOUTH AFRICAN AND WOULD PLEDGE TO SAFEGUARD WESTERN INTERESTS.

THE IMMEDIATE MAN FOR THE JOB WAS CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUNU, WHO IS WELL KNOWN FOR CORRUPT PRACTICES AND HIS ANTI-SWAPO STAND.

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OFFICIALS OF THE WESTERN POWERS CURRENTLY IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI SHOULD DO WELL TO RESTRICT THEMSELVES TO VIEWING GAME.

THEIR MISSION IS A FUTILE EXERCISE UNLESS THEY BRING SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES TOGETHER. SWAPO'S CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS

ARE WELL KNOWN. IT WILL TALK WITH VORSTER ON AN EQUAL FOOTING. THE RACISTS MUST FIRST WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM NAMIBIAN SOIL AND FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.

WITHOUT RECKNING WITH THESE TERMS ANY DISCUSSIONS ON NAMIBIA WOULD BE WORSE THAN USELESS. SWAPO WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR UHURU UNTIL VICTORY.
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